



General Assembly

**House Joint Resolution
No. 2**

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and
Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE
CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE A FOUR-YEAR TERM OF SERVICE
FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO CREATE AN
ALTERNATING ELECTION CYCLE FOR SUCH MEMBERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 That the following be proposed as an amendment to the
2 Constitution of the State, which, when approved and adopted in the
3 manner provided by the Constitution, shall, to all intents and
4 purposes, become a part thereof:

5 Section 1. Section eight of Article third of the constitution is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 A general election for members of the general assembly shall be held
8 on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November, biennially, in the
9 even-numbered years. Starting with the general election held in 2012,
10 members of the general assembly shall be elected to hold office for terms
11 of four years, except that in the general election held in 2012, and in
12 every fifth general election thereafter, members of the general assembly

13 from odd-numbered districts shall be elected to hold office for terms of
14 two years, and in the fourth general election after the general election in
15 2012, and in every fifth general election thereafter, members of the
16 general assembly from even-numbered districts shall be elected to hold
17 office for terms of two years. The general assembly shall have power to
18 enact laws regulating and prescribing the order and manner of voting for
19 such members, for filling vacancies in either the house of representatives
20 or the senate, and providing for the election of representatives or
21 senators at [some] a time subsequent to the Tuesday after the first
22 Monday of November in all cases when it shall so happen that the
23 electors in any district shall fail on that day to elect a representative or
24 senator.

25 Sec. 2. Section 10 of Article third of the constitution is amended to
26 read as follows:

27 The members of the general assembly shall hold their offices from the
28 Wednesday following the first Monday of the January next succeeding
29 their election until the Wednesday after the first Monday of the third
30 January next succeeding their election for two-year terms or until the
31 Wednesday after the first Monday of the fifth January next succeeding
32 their election for four-year terms, and until their successors are duly
33 qualified.

34 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the
35 constitution be continued to the next session of the general assembly
36 elected at the general election to be held on November 4, 2008, and
37 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented to
38 the electors at the general election to be held on November 4, 2008,
39 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the amendments
40 to the constitution. The designation of said proposed amendment to be
41 used on the voting machine ballot labels and absentee ballots at such
42 election shall be "Shall the constitution of the state be amended to
43 provide for four-year staggered terms for members of the general
44 assembly?"

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Co-Sponsors: REP. MIOLI, 136th Dist.; REP. CLEMONS, 124th Dist.

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